



## Religious Formation Department

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Dear Families,

We pray this finds you well! Your children have worked hard to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are very proud of them!

As mentioned in the recorded video message sent out earlier this Fall regarding Reconciliation preparation, the schedule for the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation was subject to change dependent on the virus and safety protocols. To err on the side of caution, we will be celebrating Reconciliation on the following dates for the group listed.

**Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 10:00AM for St. Edith Second Graders**

**Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 10:00AM for the Sunday Religious Education students**

**Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 10:00AM for the Monday Religious Education students**

We are holding three celebrations as Fr. Jim will be the sole presider. In the past we had retired priests assist Fr. Jim, but due to COVID-19 protocols we have decided not to use their service this year. This will allow us to respect the student cohorts and reduce the length of time children will need to wait for their turn for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Jim.

Students with their parents will check in at the table in the Gathering Space by 9:45AM on their given day. They will receive a name tag, worship aid and prayer card. The family will be seated in the church with only **one family to a pew please**. The Sacrament will begin at 10:00AM with a short service which includes a reading, homily, an examination of conscience and group recitation the Act of Contrition. Students will then move one at a time to see Fr. Jim who will be seated in the back of the church. When they have finished their confession, the student will meet up with their family in the Gathering Space and may leave. We encourage you as a family to celebrate this day with your child as you are able.

**Some additional notes:** Your child will have a written Act of Contrition prayer card to read from. No need to worry about forgetting words. Your child may write down on a piece of paper what they wish to confess to Fr. Jim. Please remember that this a ***Healing Sacrament of forgiveness and peace***, not a time for worry or fear.

All entering the church need to wear a mask over their nose and mouth during the celebration. Thank you. Any additional concerns, please let me know.

God bless you and your families,  
Linda Kramer  
Director of Faith Formation